

TO: Special Education Administrators in Missouri
FROM: Yvonne Ali, Ex Officio Trustee APH for the State of Missouri
SUBJECT: Registration of Legally Blind Students for Federal Quota Funds
DATE: December 17, 2010

Deadline for Completion: February 1, 2011

Attached are instructions for completing the Registration of Legally Blind Students for Federal Quota Funds. Please complete the attached blue registration form by listing all legally blind students who are enrolled in your district, school, or agency as of the first Monday of January (1/3/2011).

If you have questions or need help completing the registration form, please contact Yvonne Ali at 314-776-4320, ext. 3256. Thank you for participating in this registration to increase access to instructional materials for students with legal blindness.

You must return a registration form and include all required data for each eligible student to access Federal Quota Funds.

Mail the completed form for the Registration of Legally Blind Students to:

Yvonne Ali, Ex Officio Trustee
Missouri Instructional Resource Center
Missouri School for the Blind
3815 Magnolia Avenue
St Louis, MO 63110

Questions? Contact me at:
Voice: 314-776-4320 (ext. 3256)
E-mail: Yvonne.Ali@msb.dese.mo.gov
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It is important for you to register all legally blind students, even if they do not currently need APH materials. The recent average annual quota allotment of \$335 for each student goes into a lump-sum account for Missouri. The larger the fund, the more materials are available. With this lump-sum approach, and by reusing books and materials, we are able to provide about \$500 per year per registered student.

The United States Congress enacted the Federal Quota Program in 1879 with its *Act to Promote the Education of the Blind*. Congress provides those funds each year to the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) in Louisville, Kentucky. APH uses Ex Officio Trustees in each state to manage that state's Federal Quota Account. As the APH Ex Officio Trustee for the State of Missouri, I compile the annual registry of legally blind students on behalf of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and report the data to APH.

Responding to requests year-round, I purchase APH braille and large-print textbooks and other instructional products with quota funds and maintain a lending collection of APH books and materials returned by schools for reuse, and of non-APH books donated by schools.

For more details about our services, visit our web pages at <http://msb.dese.mo.gov/mirc.htm>.



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